

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-0020

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND/OR AMEND A
FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA) SECTION 319(h) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT OF CONTRACTS FOR SUPPORT OF THE NONPOINT
SOURCE PROGRAM (NPS)

WHEREAS:

1. The CWA Section 319(h) provides grant funds for states to implement NPS management programs;
2. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is the designated State agency in California to administer the NPS Program;
3. In November 2001, the SWRCB adopted its Strategic Plan, which identifies the implementation of a Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) as an ongoing high priority initiative and the coordination of many SWRCB and Regional Water Quality Control Board activities under the WMI;
4. On December 14, 1999 and January 11, 2000, the SWRCB and the California Coastal Commission, respectively, approved the *Plan for California's Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program* (NPS Program Plan), which includes activities the State will undertake to control NPS pollution;
5. On July 11, 2000, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration approved California's NPS Program Plan.
6. The USEPA has notified the SWRCB that the federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 CWA section 319(h) grant allocation of approximately \$11,000,000 will be available to the State;
7. Unexpended 319 funds of up to \$2,000,000 will be added as an amendment to the FFY 2005 grant;
8. In September 2004, the SWRCB's Division of Financial Assistance distributed a consolidated solicitation notice soliciting grant-funded Agricultural Water Quality and NPS Implementation projects;
9. The proposals were reviewed, ranked, and approved using the WMI process in accordance with the specifications in the guidelines for the consolidated grant program; and
10. The proposals to be funded with the 319 grant will be reviewed for contract readiness and the list of recommended proposals will be presented to the SWRCB.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SWRCB:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director to apply for, accept, and amend, as necessary, an FFY 2005 CWA section 319(h) grant for an amount up to \$13,000,000 for support of the NPS Program;
2. Authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and approve program workplans;
3. Authorizes the issuance of grants, contracts, and amendments that support the NPS Program; and

4. Authorizes the Executive Director or the Chief of the Division of Financial Assistance to issue grants, contracts, and amendments to implement the NPS proposals after presenting SWRCB with the list of recommended proposals selected from the competitive grants process.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on March 16, 2005.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board